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Docket No. 2976-4039US3

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	Tim Keith et al.	Group Art Unit:	1637
Serial No.:	10/670,184	Examiner:	Angela Marie Bertagna
Filed:	February 22, 2006	Confirmation No.	2818
For:	NOVEL HUMAN GENE RELATING TO RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND OBESITY		

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 28, 2006, in which pending claims 1-31 were subjected to an election, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the process claims of **Group II (claims 16-19 and 22-26)**, and further elect **SEQ ID NO:5 as the species**. A one-month Petition of Extension of Time is submitted herewith extending the date for response to June 28, 2006. Entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks** that begin on page 8 of this paper.